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SUBJECT: NATO AEW&C SOU

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- 1. CONCUR IN EXTENSION OF PREPARATORY PHASE STATE-MENT OF UNDERSTANDING (SOU) FOR THE NATO AEW&C PROGRAM, AS PROVISIONALLY APPROVED AT THE JUNE 15-16, 1977 MEETING OF THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP (REFTEL).
- 2. THE PROPOSED FRG-UK-US FUNDING RATIOS OF 4-0-6 (AIRCRAFT), 4-4-6 (INTERFACE), AND 4-2-6 (NATO ADMIN) ARE, IN OUR JUDGMENT, EQUITABLE. THEY REFLECT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CURRENT SITUATION WHEREIN THE UK IS PURSUING THE NIMROD AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BUT REMAINS A PARTICIPANT IN THE NATO AEW&C PROGRAM AS A WHOLE.

3. REF THE HLG-APPROVED CHANGE TO SOU PARA 4: "THE FUNDING PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL EITHER EXHAUSTION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PREFINANCING

FUND PROVIDED BY FRG AND US OR IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROCUREMENT DECISION":

IN LIGHT OF THE NEW EXPENDITURE SHARING ARRANGEMENT, THIS IMPLIES THAT THE UK WILL WITHDRAW HER SHARE OF FUNDS REMAINING AS OF JUNE 30 1977, BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO MEET HER SHARE OF GROUND INTERFACE AND NAP ADMIN EXPENSES AS THEY COME DUE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION.

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